

MISSOURI SENATE APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Minutes

Saturday February 18, 2012

State Capitol Building – Senate Committee Room 2

Meeting started at approximately 11:10 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Nicole Colbert-Bochway, Jean Paul Bradshaw II, Steve Ehlmann, Marc Ellinger, Doug Harpool, Nick Myers, Todd Patterson, Lowell Pearson, and Trent Skaggs.

Commissioners Present via Conference Call: W. Mitchell Elliott

Renee Slusher, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel, Office of Administration welcomed the commissioners and opened the meeting.

The Honorable Michael W. Bradley, Judicial Circuit 13, administered the oath to all of the commissioners.

Renee Slusher reviewed the agenda for the day.

The commission members introduced themselves.

Renee Slusher oversaw the commission's election of officers. Commissioner Bradshaw nominated the following slate of officers:

1. Doug Harpool – Chair
2. Marc Ellinger – Vice Chair
3. Nick Myers – Secretary

The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Chair Harpool assumed the agenda.

Commissioner Skaggs moved the following rules be adopted:

1. The commission will use Robert's Rules of Order to conduct business;
2. A court reporter will be retained to produce transcripts of the commission's official meetings, unless approved by two-thirds majority of the commission; and
3. The chair may call a meeting, or a meeting may be called by two-thirds of the commission members.

The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Chair Harpool proposed the following public hearing and meeting dates, and times were discussed and decided upon by commission members:

1. Public Hearing in Jefferson City – Sunday February 19, 2012 at 1:00 pm;
2. Public Hearing in Kansas City – Monday February 20, 2012 at 2:30 pm;
3. Public Hearing in St. Louis – Tuesday February 21, 2012 at 1:00 pm; and
4. Commission Meeting / Work Session in Jefferson City – Wednesday February 22, 2012 at 11:00 am.

The commission agreed to incorporate prior public testimony from the 2011 Senate Reapportionment Commission records into the official records of the 2012 Senate Reapportionment Commission records.

Vice-Chair Ellinger made motion to approve the above public hearing and meeting schedule, with incorporation of previous public testimony. The motion was seconded and was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Renee Slusher presented an overview of the role of OA staff support to the commission. Staff members introduced themselves. Deputy Commissioner Slusher reviewed Personal Financial Disclosure requirements for commission members.

Chair Harpool gave an overview of the process commission members can use to post maps for viewing on the Redistricting website. Matt Hesser, State Demographer, gave an overview of what items are currently posted on the website and what will be available for the current commission's postings.

The commission recessed for lunch at approximately 11:55 pm.

The commission reconvened at approximately 12:30 pm.

Jim Layton, Solicitor General, Attorney General's Office, presented an overview of the state's Sunshine Law requirements and legal concepts in redistricting.

Matt Hesser and Frank Hutto, redistricting office staff, gave a brief demonstration of the redistricting software and data.

Lori Strong-Goeke, Assistant Director for Planning, Office of Administration Division of Budget and Planning, gave an overview of the commission's budget, compensation and expense reimbursement.

The commission adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

Note: A complete and official transcript of this meeting's proceedings will be available and posted on the State Redistricting website as soon as it is available.